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THREE SEINERS IN NORTH BAY.

Mackerel Season There Has Been Highly Unsatisfactory.

Highest Mackerel Catch of the Season Was 100 Barrels.

The North Bay fleet of seiners is still further reduced, two of the six left there a short while ago having gone to join the fleet off North Sydney, C. B., and sch. John M. Keen leaving Souris, P. E. I., for home Saturday. A letter from the Times representative at Souris gives the following interesting information regarding the doings of the fleet:

There are now but three of the fleet left in the bay, schs. Patricia, Lena and Maud and Priscilla Smith. The former took 24 barrels October 5 and sch. Lena and Maud small catches last week. Sch. Diana is reported to have taken 25 barrels off Sydney a few days ago.

Mackerel fishing in the gulf of St. Lawrence has been rather unsatisfactory this season, the highest catch being about 100 barrels and no larger catch being made at any one time than 20 or 25 barrels. Sch. Priscilla Smith is high line.

Fish Were Shy and Went to Bottom at Least Noise.

All the fish were caught by throwing bait and setting around the vessel. The mackerel are very large and fat. They seemed very timid all through the season and the least noise sent them to the bottom. They did not school at all.

Only three vessels took out fishing licenses at Souris and two others had Nova Scotia licenses when they came into the bay. There were no casualties in the fleet, little or no sickness, and the conduct of the crews when ashore here was most exemplary.

In all, 18 vessels came into the bay and there were no infractions of the fishing regulations. Some little murmuring was heard regarding side wharfage at the government pier and considerable adverse comment was also made on the fact that the United States government makes no provision for the care of sick fishermen at Souris, there being no sub-consul here.

All during the season the Times has sent daily a bundle of its edition to Souris, for distribution among the vessels of the Gloucester fleet, and this has been very much appreciated by the skippers and men, as they were able to keep posted and have the latest news from home every time they came into port.

Another large lot of mackerel was received at Boston yesterday morning from the fishermen on the Nova Scotia coast by way of the Yarmouth steamer. There was not as much as in the last lot, but enough to keep the market going for the rest of the week. The manifest of the steamer showed 311 barrels of large mackerel. The fish will run like the last lot between two and three pounds each. Unless there is a quick and decided change in the weather, this will probably be the last lot of mackerel from the east. Similar quantities, however, are due for some time to come.

Besides the fish on the Yarmouth steamer there were a few barrels of small mackerel from Cape Cod, where the fishermen find some in their traps every time they haul them. The fishermen are hoping that the weather will warm up some, and then they will get at least a part of the mackerel that were reported schooling off South Shoal Lightship several days ago.

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Quero Bank Trip Stocks.

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Haywood, stocked \$2800 on her recent Quero bank salt and fresh shack cod trip, the crew sharing \$73.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, stocked \$2872.46 on her recent fresh and salt cod shacking trip to Quero bank.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Claudia was at Louisburg, C. B., Thursday with 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Schs. Mildred Robinson and Fannie E. Prescott were at Liverpool, N. S., Thursday and cleared.

Sch. Selma was at Lockport, N. S., Tuesday for bait.

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COOK CAUGHT BIG SWORDFISH

Landed 400-Pounder in Sch. Clara G. Silva Singlehanded.

Among the fish landed at Boston on Wednesday by sch. Clara G. Silva were two swordfish one of which was captured in an unusual way, through the pluck and energy of the cook of the schooner, who was on board of the schooner at the time.

After the dories had gone to their trawls last Sunday morning leaving Capt. Silva and the cook on board the vessel, the latter took the remaining dory and rowed down to where the men were, leaving Cook Perry alone in charge of the schooner.

Not long after the captain went away Perry saw a swordfish, and made up his mind to get it. He tied the wheel after steering the vessel toward the fish, and got the spear ready, and as the schooner came near to where the fish was sunning itself, threw the spear at it. The lily iron sank deep into the fish, and Perry made haste to throw the buoy with its long line over the side of the schooner.

He then took down the jib, and steered the vessel to where the swordfish was trying to get rid of the lily iron, and again got near enough to get hold of the buoy, and by pulling the fish backward drowned it. He was still alone, and hauled the fish to the side of the vessel, and with the help of a dory tackle got it on board, and when Capt. Silva returned was engaged in cleaning it. The fish weighed, cleaned, 390 pounds, and must have run up to near 400 pounds when it was in the water. The feat of Cook Perry is considered one worthy of note by the fishermen, and the crew of the Clara Silva give him credit for having added some \$54 to their stock for the trip.

HIGH LINE SALT TRAWL BANKER.

Capt. Clayton Morrissey Again Wins the Honor.

Capt. Clayton Morrissey of the big knockabout sch. Arethusa is again found this season in his usual position of high line of the salt trawl bank salt codfishing fleet. For many seasons he has carried off this honor and again this season he has shown his class by rolling up a stock of over \$21,000 on two trips.

On the first, or spring trip, the vessel weighed off 392,490 pounds of salt cod, on which a stock of \$9880.63 was made, the shareholders each receiving \$183.80 as their part of the voyage.

On the second trip, recently completed, the vessel weighed off 377,550 pounds of salt cod, the stock being \$11,182.97 and every member of the crew shared \$226.32.

This gives Capt. Morrissey and the Arethusa a season's stock of \$21,063.65, with a crew share of \$410.12, the amount of fish weighed off reaching the big total of 770,040 pounds. The craft is owned by the Cunningham & Thompson Co., and skipper Morrissey.

Fitted Halibut Stocks.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Capt. Charles Flygore, stocked \$9297.45 as the result of her recent fitted halibut trip, the crew sharing \$239.27.

Sch. S. P. Willard, Capt. Augustus Peterson, stocked \$3621.14 on her recent fitted halibut trip, the crew sharing \$214.41.

Squid on Georges.

Capt. Frank Viator of sch. Hortense reports lots of squid along the eastern edge of Georges.

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FISH SURPLUS FROM BOSTON.

Only Receipts at This Port Today!

Nothing much doing here today in the fish line. Schs. Hortense, Mary DeCosta and Clara G. Silva are down from Boston with fresh fish for the splitters, and sch. Warren M. Goodspeed of the market fleet, with one set on board, is in for harbor. The torchers had 80 barrels of herring.

The arrivals and receipts this morning are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Hortense, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boats and torchers, 70 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fanny, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. M. Madeline, shore.

Sch. Grace Darling, shore.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Valentina, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Newfoundland.

Sch. Massasoit, shore.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, shacking.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2, market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.

Bank halibut, 11½ cents per pound.

Small lots fresh halibut, 19 cts. lb.

Fitted halibut, 8 1-4 cts. per lb.

Salt large shore mackerel, rimmed, late caught, \$38 per bbl. for large and \$22 for medium.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Cod plenty; haddock and hake fair.

Lockeport—Cod, haddock and herring plenty.

Liverpool—Fishing operations dull.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; few mackerel in nets.

Petit-de-Grat—Few mackerel reported taken.

Main-a-dieu—Cod and squid plenty; pollock fair; haddock scarce.

Bonaventure—Cod very plenty.

Portland Fish Notes.

Large quantities of herring were landed at Portland Wednesday. The steamer E. N. Brown brought in 80 barrels, the sloop Sea Foam about 40 barrels, and another small craft also landed about 50 barrels, all captured in the vicinity of Clapboard island.

The fishing arrivals Wednesday were sch. Margie Turner, 40,000 pounds of fresh fish, and sch. Marion Turner, 40,000 pounds. Sch. Albert D. Willard was also in.

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AN OLD TIME FISHERMAN.

Recalls Some of the Old Vessels Still in Running Order.

Our good friend, Eben L. Thomas of Ipswich, is in town making his annual visit among his relatives and friends, and will spend a little time in looking around the city. He commenced in the Bay mackerel fishery in 1852, when they caught their mackerel on hook and line, by throwing bait. He followed this fishing for about 10 years and among the vessels in which he sailed were the sch. Lizzie F. Choate, Capt. Joseph W. Collins, and sch. Isaac Rich, Capt. Frank Bryant.

He also sailed in sch. Theron J. Dale in 1868, with Capt. Jesse Lewis, on a Newfoundland trip for herring. They sailed on Friday, and notwithstanding the objection which many have against sailing on this day, it proved to them a successful trip. So far as he can ascertain, Capt. Lewis is the only captain now living with whom he sailed upwards of half a century ago. Of the crew of sch. Lightfoot, in which he sailed in 1854, he is the only survivor.

Mr. Thomas recalls some of the old-time vessels, some of which have passed the half century mark, but are still in running order, as follows:

Sch. Romeo, Capt. Harry Pew, built in 1845, now owned at Bucksport, Me.

Sch. Wild Pigeon, built in 1852, owned by James Mansfield & Sons, now owned in Machias, Me.

Sch. Wild Rose, built in 1855, now owned at Eastport, Me.

Sch. Atlanta, built in 1848, now owned at Belfast, Me.

Sch. Lone Star, built in 1854, now owned at Machias, Me.

Sch. Nip Desperandum, built in 1861, now owned at Bangor, Me.

Sch. Native American, built in 1845, now owned in Calais, Me.

Sch. True Republican, built in 1849, now owned at Thomaston, Me.

SIX ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Fish Supply Ample For a Friday Market.

There are only 120,000 pounds of fresh fish in the six arrivals at Boston today, and nearly half of these are hake and pollock. There is but little life to the market and new haddock are selling for \$1.50. Large cod hold up fairly well, but hake and pollock are still low.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen with 45,000 pounds and sch. Georgianna with 31,000 pounds, are the only off shore crafts in. Very little in the way of arrivals is looked for tomorrow, and Monday's usually large list may be somewhat affected by the recent bad weather.

The receipts this morning are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Etta B., 500 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Georgianna, 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 16,000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3.80; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.00; hake, 70 cts. to \$1.10; pollock, 80 cts.

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THREE FARES AT T WHARF.

Lightest Receipts at Boston For Many Days.

Just three little fares are all that T wharf dealers had facing them when the bell rang this morning. The fish were all new and brought good prices, haddock touching \$3 and large pounds of fish in all three trips and they were soon cleaned up.

For the week ending Thursday night, 110 vessels arrived at T wharf, with fares aggregating 3,837,100 pounds, against 95 arrivals with 1,729,500 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 300 cod, 5000 hake, 500 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Appomattox, 1500 haddock, 11,000 cod, 600 pollock.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 18,000 pollock.
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.75; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50.

St. John's Merchants Drop Price of Salt Cod.

Several firms at St. John's, N. F., have lowered their price for codfish brought in by carts from nearby outports and are now giving \$4 and \$5 a ton, owing to the inferior quality of the cure, this being equivalent to a drop of about 25 cents. There is no change in the price of fish coming in by vessels. Good fish is now in demand but large Madeira is practically not wanted.

The Labrador Codfishery.

The total shipments of codfish from Labrador this season are 120,000 quintals. This quantity compared with last year's exports (228,000 quintals) shows a great and serious falling off. The green-fish catchers in addition to the shore crews have not fared anywhere near their catch of 1908, perhaps not 25 per cent. of that year's voyage coming to them this season. The general report is that the Labrador fishery this season is the worst on record.

Nearly all the Bay Roberts, N. F., schooners are home from Labrador. The bulk of the schooners and the most of the crews fared badly the past season, and the voyage is about the worst in the experience of the oldest of the planters. Port-de-Grave schooners and fishing crews have done fairly well.

Newfoundland Fleet Did Well On Grand Bank.

The Grand Bank fishery of the Newfoundland fleet this season is expected to be a highly successful one, and the total catch a large one. Capt. John Matthews, in sch. Arabia, will likely be high liner. For three trips he has landed 2,200 quintals, and has gone on his fourth, so that if his luck continues, his catch will not be far short of 3,000. Capt. John Thornell returned from his third trip a few days ago in sch. Pleidas, with a full cargo, making his catch to date, 1,900 quintals. The banker Bessie McDonald, Capt. Hannigan, of 95 tons register, which was built only last year for Capt. George Harris, also has 1,900 quintals. Capt. Anstey, in sch. Palanda was high liner last season with a catch of 2,200 quintals. All the other vessels out of Grand Bank are reported with catches of from 1,200 to 1,400 quintals.

Latest Newfoundland Fishery Intelligence.

Codroy—Good sign of fish in deep water when weather is favorable.

St. Mary's—Only few boats and dories fishing now; dories one quintal daily; boats about 10 quintals a week.

Carbonear—Only few boats out, got about one quintal each on trawls, bait scarce.

Bay Roberts—Little fish, plenty squid.

Fortune—Water too rough for fishing, wind northwest, fine and clear.

Nipper's Harbor—Moderate, weather fine, little codfish, bait plenty.

Sound Island—Half quintal per boat; squid plentiful.

Heart's Content—No boats fishing, weather stormy.

Burin—Squid plenty, nothing doing along shore.

Harbor Grace—Codfish and bait scarce.

Trinity—Codfish scarce along all local grounds, little on the offer grounds when weather permits operations, bait not so plentiful.

Pilley's Island—Cod scarce, nothing doing here, no bait.

At Trinity, Fortune, Birchy Cove, Lark Harbor, Carbonear, Lamaline, Heart's Content, Sound Island and Lawn it is stormy and no boats have ventured on the grounds.

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HAULS REPORTED OFF SYDNEY

Vessels Believed to Have Taken Mackerel There.

There are some well defined rumors around "fishermen's corner" that the mackerel fleet have been making some hauls off North Sydney, C. B. It is believed that probably some of the vessels have been picking up a few fish there, but it is thought had there been any large hauls, that definite word of it would have been received here.

Sch. Electric Flash was at North Sydney, C. B., a few days ago with 100 barrels of salt mackerel on board. Part of these fish were caught in North bay, and part off North Sydney.

The North Sydney, C. B., Herald says that mackerel are reported plentiful off the Cape Breton shore and that sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross, took 30 barrels last Monday.

The following table gives the imports of salt and fresh mackerel to date the past five years:

	Salt Mackerel Barrels	Fresh Mackerel Barrels
1909	13,744	9,753
1908	28,708	11,509
1907	12,482	6,289
1906	24,511	17,251
1905	15,437	7,144
1904	15,144	5,516

The following table gives the catch of salt and fresh mackerel by the New England fleet to date for this and the past five years:

	Salt Mackerel Barrels	Fresh Mackerel Barrels
1909	15,769	46,349
1908	19,147	47,307
1907	30,740	52,167
1906	9,679	33,913
1905	28,888	49,053
1904	28,198	46,661

SOLD ITS BUSINESS.

New England Fish Company With- draws from Canadian Halibut Field.

The Vancouver, B. C., Province says: "The New England Fish Company has today sold its entire Canadian business as the Canadian Fishing Company, limited, and will from now on retire permanently from that field," announced A. L. Hager, manager of the New England Fish Company today during the course of an interview.

"This means that hereafter all the halibut trade in Canada will be in the hands of the Canadian Fishing Co. and such other Canadian companies as may engage in the trade—the New England Fish Company is out of it for good," continued Mr. Hager.

"During the past year the Canadian trade of the New England Fish Company has grown tremendously, and it is now so large that the Canadian Fishing Company will not experience the slightest difficulty in operating both its steamers, the Celestial Empire and the Flamingo, the year around. The Canadian Fishing Company had a fair market of its own, and this added to the connection in Canada now secured from the New England Company, will give it plenty of sale for practically all the fish its two steamers can catch. Should there be any fish which cannot be marketed in Canada, the Canadian Fishing Company and the New England Company have entered into an arrangement whereby the latter will take over the surplus for export to the United States. Of course we will have to pay a duty of one cent a pound on such fish entering the states.

"In the past there has been considerable opposition to the sale of fish in the Canadian market by the New England Fish Company, and the sale to the Canadian concern of that business will result in the removal of that objection to the operations of the American Company through the port of Vancouver."

Portland Fish Notes.

Several of the local fishing vessels put to sea Wednesday, but most of them came back in the afternoon, finding it so rough outside that they could do no fishing. Some of the fishermen engaged in inshore fishing complain of being greatly bothered by dogfish, their nets in some cases being badly damaged by the ravenous fish. Government experts, it is reported, are studying up some method of destroying this unwelcome fish, and the fishing industry will be greatly benefited if they succeed.

The United States revenue cutter Woodbury was hauled out at the marine railway Wednesday morning and will receive extensive repairs before being launched. The cutter's hull will be coppered so that the winter ice will not damage it, as the Woodbury will cruise all along the coast between this port and Nova Scotia. The cutter Androscoggin is now at the Fore River Shipbuilding Co. plant being thoroughly overhauled and it will be several weeks before she returns to this port.

The fishing schooner Mary E. Sennett has been hauled up on the mud at the head of Commercial wharf where repairs are being made on her bottom at low water.

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HADDOCK WILL BE SMOKED.

Fare of Sch. B. F. Phillips Brought by Fresh Fish Co.

The fish week here has a dull closing indeed. Yesterday sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, came down from Boston with 60,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all haddock. The fare went to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company as Manager Livingston wanted some fish to smoke. As there was no trip in here he simply bought one up to Boston and had the fish brought down.

It does seem to bad that enough fresh fish vessels are not coming here to keep this concern supplied with fish.

This morning sch. Frances P. Mesquita came in from Georges with a fine fare of 80,000 pounds and will go to Boston for Monday morning's market.

The herring torchers brought in 140 barrels which went for bait.

While arrivals are light, sailings are numerous and today and tomorrow

fully 30, if not more of the fleet will get away.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Georges, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston.
Sch. Tecumseh, via Boston.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston. Boats, 140 bbls. fresh herring.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Senator Gardner, with 260,000 pounds of salt cod, Manhasset and Monitor were at Canso, N. S., Wednesday.

Schs. Gossip, Cynthia and Senator Gardner sailed from Canso, Wednesday.

Capt. Barnard Griffin is now in command of sch. Galatea and Capt. Edward Jameson will take a vacation ashore.

Sch. Kineo was at Portland yesterday with 6000 pounds of halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddock-ing.

Sch. Topsail Girl, haddocking.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, haddocking.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.

Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.

Sch. Conqueror, shacking.

Sch. Gertrude, haddocking.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, haddocking.

Sch. Valentina, shore.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Mattakesett, haddocking.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, haddock-ing.

Sch. Tecumseh, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Boston.

Sch. Robert and Carr, haddocking.

Sch. Speculator, seining.

Sch. Olympia, Rips.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Newfoundland.

Shacking Trip Shares.

Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, stocked \$3387 on her recent cod shacking trip to Quero, the crew sharing \$80.

The crew of sch. Mary F. Curtis shared \$31.23 as the result of that craft's recent Quero cod shacking trip.

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Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

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Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

CATCH OF THE NORTH BAY FLEET

Thirteen Vessels Reported Having From 48 to 125 Bbls. Mackerel Each.

Most of the Fleet Now Fishing Off Sydney, C. B.

Recent advices from North Sydney, C. B., confirms the news of last week that several of the mackerel seining fleet of this port, now operating off there had made hauls recently. Several letters were received here yesterday from a number of the vessels of the fleet and all agreed pretty well as to the catch of each craft up to last Friday, and all spoke of taking fish recently.

One letter gives the catch of the various vessels as follows:

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean, 155 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ambrose Fleet, 124 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Indiana, Capt. Almon D. Malloch, 117 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, 105 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, 110 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, 80 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benj. McGray, 78 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. George G. Hamor, 75 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean, 72 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson, 74 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, 75 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Judique, Capt. Gourley Anderson, 75 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, 48 barrels salt mackerel.

Fleet Likely to Remain Off North Sydney.

The letter also said that three

others of the fleet not mentioned were reported to have in the neighborhood of 50 or 75 barrels.

From the report it will be seen that several, in fact most of the crafts have made hauls since leaving North bay, and it looks as though most of them would hang on off North Sydney for quite a while yet.

It is hoped that more hauls will be made for a 200 barrel average for the vessels now down there would mean a great deal on the end of the season.

A large fleet of Gloucester seiners harbored at North Sydney, C. B., on Friday. They report that nearly all the fleet made good catches the past week; one vessel getting 60 barrels in two days.

Recent advices from P. E. I., state that all the seiners excepting schs. Patrician and Priscilla Smith had left for the grounds off North Sydney, C. B. These two crafts had expected to go that way in a few days, but struck a few fish and were hanging on.

Sch. Speculator Started on Late Trip Saturday.

Sch. Speculator, Capt. Rufus McKay, sailed on a shore mackerel seining trip on Saturday. This is about as late as a seiner has got out with a full crew for several seasons.

Sch. Minnie O'Toole is fitting out for a fall mackerel netting trip at Louisburg, C. B. Her crew will set their nets off the north side of Scatarie Island. In former years good catches of mackerel were to be made off Scatarie during the months of October and November, but of late years the fishing has not been followed to any extent.

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Haddock Trip Stocked \$1309.

Sch. Hortense, Capt. Frank Viator, stocked \$1309 on her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$44.

STEAM TRAWLER CUT THE CABLE.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman Had to Leave Good Fishing.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, Capt. Isaac Bellevue, which arrived from a Quero Bank dory handlining trip yesterday had experience a few days ago, while at anchor on the fishing bank, with a French steam trawler. As usual the steamer got the better of it, and when he steamed away left the Heckman adrift and minus 90 fathoms of cable and an anchor.

Capt. Bellevue reports that his vessel was on good fishing and this was probably noted by the Frenchman, who wanted to get in on it, and in his hogfishness came unusually close to the bow of the Heckman. Just as he passed in range of where the cable was strung out ahead, the vessel gave a jump astern and all hands quickly knew that the big steam trawl had fouled their ground tackle and made off with part of it besides setting them adrift.

The captain of the steamer did not pay the slightest attention to what he had done, but kept along his course and soon was well out of the way, and of course did not hear the blessings which the crew of the Heckman called down on the trawler and all on board.

The men of the schooner manned the windlass and hove in their cable and when they got it in found that 90 fathoms were gone and that the end was cut off as clip and clean as though done with a sharp knife. Instead of the anchor catching in the trawl as was the case with sch. Lottie G. Merchant of this port, recently, the steel tow line of the great trawl evidently sawed its whole length across the vessel's cable as the steamer went along across her bow and thus cut it off.

Oct. 18.

Southern Fisheries Notes.

Sch. Clara R. Harwood, formerly of this port, arrived at Pensacola recently with 9000 pounds of red snappers.

Several tarpon were caught at Galveston, Texas, last week. Mackerel are making their final run of the year. There are plenty of fish at Highland Bayou, Virginia Point and Jones Lake.

A shark measuring 11 feet in length was caught off Knight's Key, Fla., last week. Inside the stomach was found a brood of 40 young sharks.

More than 9000 pounds of blue fish were shipped from West Palm Beach, Fla., by the East Coast Fish Company and the Indian River Fish Company, last week. The season opened earlier than usual, but on account of the high northeast winds for the past few days there have been no catches.

Fish shipped on ice from Punta Gorda, Fla., during week ending September 27, amounted to nine solid cars and 88 barrels, aggregating 233,600 pounds.

Fishermen at Destin, Fla., have been taking mackerel. Some of the largest catches made were by Frederick and Richard Williams and George Marler. The last named caught a large sea turtle last week.

Sch. Sheffeyld of Pensacola, formerly of this port, for whose safety grave fears were entertained has returned to her home port, after being out 30 days.

The gravest fears are entertained for the safety of sch. Frances H., Captain Sadler, 36 days out from Pensacola. The vessel is one of the newest and staunchest of the Saunders fleet. When the schooner sailed for the Campeche Banks she carried a crew of eight men. It is feared that the vessel made a heavy catch of fish, and that on the return trip was caught in the recent terrible hurricane and either sunk or is severely damaged. The captain of the Sheffeyld reported that he had not seen anything of the Frances H.

On September 29 the sch. Henrietta G. Martin, formerly of this port, reached Pensacola with 900 pounds of red snappers. The vessel was caught in the hurricane, succeeded in putting in at South Pass and remained there until the storm was over. The sails and rigging sustained considerable damage.